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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

The adipocyte complement related protein family plays a role in the interaction of cells with their environment, and appear to act at the interface of the extracellular matrix and the cell. These proteins include, Acrp30 (Scherer et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 270:26746-49, 1995), apM1 (Maeda et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.* 221:286-9, 1996), GBP28 (Nakano et al., *J. Biochem.* 120:803-12, 1996), zsig39 (Sheppard and Humes, WIPO Published Patent No: WO99/10492), zsig37 (Sheppard,

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